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NEWS RELEASE

Richard Minicozzi, M.D. and Joan Israel were charged today by Indictment¹ with one count of conspiracy to distribute controlled substances, announced United States Attorney Zane David Memeger. In addition, Minicozzi was charged with an additional ten counts of distributing oxycodone, five counts of distributing alprazolam, and three counts of distributing hydrocodone.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR YEAR OF BIRTH
Richard Minicozzi, M.D.	Philadelphia, PA	1934
Joan Israel	Philadelphia, PA	1959

If convicted the defendants face a maximum possible sentence of 20 years imprisonment on the conspiracy charge. In addition, Minicozzi faces a possible sentence of 20 years imprisonment for each count of distributing oxycodone, 10 years imprisonment for each count of distributing hydrocodone, and 5 years imprisonment for each count of distributing alprazolam.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Drug Enforcement Administration, and the Philadelphia Police Department and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Mary Kay Costello.

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